



## The National Fire Plan

### FY 2001 Programs in Missouri



### Overview

The National Fire Plan implements program activities in five key areas across the landscape. These key points are designed to respond to the severe wildfires of 2000, reduce their impacts on rural communities, and enhance firefighting capabilities in the future. Estimated allocations to Missouri include (\$ in thousands):

| Firefighting |            | Rehab<br>and<br>Restoration | Hazardous<br>Fuel<br>Treatment | Forest<br>Health<br>Projects | Community Assistance        |                                 |                                |  | TOTAL |
|--------------|------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------|
| Preparedness | Facilities |                             |                                |                              | State<br>Fire<br>Assistance | Volunteer<br>Fire<br>Assistance | Economic<br>Action<br>Programs | Comm'ty &<br>Private Land<br>Fire Assist.. |       |
| 2,618        | 350        | 0                           | 4,997                          | 314                          | 270                         | 165                             | 0                              | 0  | 8,714 |

### Firefighting Resources

*Staffing the most efficient organizational level (MEL) to provide prompt initial attack suppression on wildfires.*

- Preparedness - Increase **State** resources to 6 engines, 1 helicopter, 10 dozers, and 22 preparedness positions (plus 6 Helitack and 90 red-carded militia), and increase resources in the 20-state **Eastern Region** to 125 engines, 17 dozers, 525 preparedness positions and one Interagency Hotshot Crew.
- Workforce Development - Plan for 274 new hires in the 20-state **Eastern Region** (includes seasonal, temporary, and conversions to permanent). Conduct Local outreach to Job Corps, Native American Tribes, Americorps, and colleges. (12 new hires in **State**).
- Fire Facilities - Invest \$350,000 on the Mark Twain for facilities to house a Dispatch Center, as part of a \$2 million program in Regional facilities planning support.
- Federal Excess Personal Property - Build on estimated \$31 million inventory value of equipment and material loaned to state fire organizations and their cooperators in Missouri.

### Hazardous Fuel Reduction

*Targeting fuel management and reduction on high priority areas, especially wildland-urban interface areas.*

- 12,226 acres of fuel reduction treatments have been completed, per the National Database 7/27/01.
- \$94,000 for hazard mitigation and watershed protection activities on non-federal lands.
- 14,320 total acres proposed for treatment, at a total cost of approximately \$1.525 million, including

920 acres under Title II and 13,400 acres under Title IV.

- National Fire Plan Forest Health Management activities help prevent and control invasive species.

## Community Assistance

*Enhancing community capacity to reduce wildfire risk and expand local economic opportunities.*

- Approximately \$150,000 in State Fire Assistance will increase organizational and preparedness skills to assist with firefighting efforts, and \$120,000 will support Hazard Mitigation activities. Grants will be used for training and education, fuel reduction and hazard mitigation, and equipment. An additional \$211,000 is allocated in base program funds.
- Approximately \$165,000 in Volunteer Fire Assistance will support training and equipment to meet the needs of a portion of the 863 rural volunteer fire departments in Missouri. An additional \$120,000 is allocated in base program funds.
- \$985,000 in Fire Plan Community Assistance for activities across the 20 northeastern states. Included are:
  - Economic Action Programs to develop and expand markets for wood products from removed fuels.
  - Community and Private Land Assistance to enhance fire planning in communities, enhance stewardship planning, and fund fuel management.

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